

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA H	FORM NO. 383
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storic Name George H. Emery House

e: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

te 1884

Source Lexington Minute Man, 10-17-84

Style Colonial Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) porch

removed from facade, balustrades removed
from roof, frontispiece and quoins added
(c. 1940)

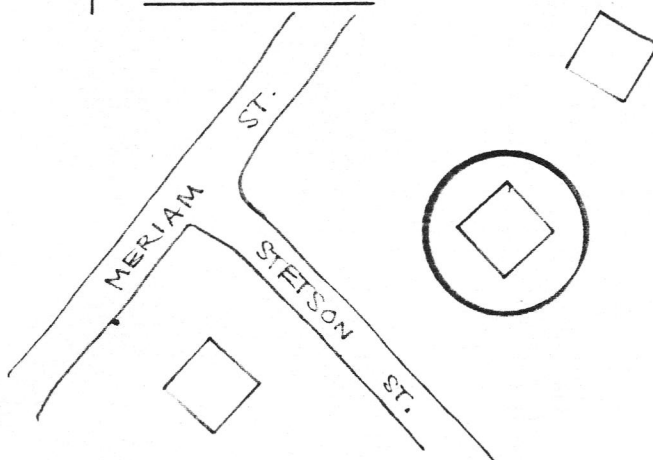
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage .6 A. (25040 ft.²)

Setting Residential street composed of
ample late-nineteenth century houses and
mid-twentieth century infill.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Even before alterations, this house was apparently more faithful to Second Period sources than other houses on Meriam Hill within the Colonial Revival style. Historic photographs show that the house has lost some features and acquired others. The hip roof with pedimented dormers on each face was originally embellished with balustrades between the dormers on the main facade and at the peak of the roof. The quoins and the quite archaeologically-correct frontispiece with segmentally-arched pediment pilasters and rustication are a

(see Continuation Sheet)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built in 1884 by George Henry Emery, a bookkeeper. By 1894 George Milne who was assistant treasurer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and served on the school committee and sewer and water boards of Lexington was the owner.

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Lexington Minute Man, October 17, 1882. *April 25, 1884; Oct 17, 1884*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Lexington	Form No: 383
Property Name: 25 Meriam Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

later addition of c. 1940, but segmentally-arched trim above the windows on the first level of the facade is original. The house has lost a one-story porch on the facade and gained one on the right side. The balusters on the roofless veranda around the house has been replaced by a panelled balustrade.

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